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Congratulations, Carson!

Torrance got a new neighbor this week, a sprawling 15 square mile municipality of more than 60,000 residents who have named their new city Carson.

As the 77th city in Los Angeles County, the new city of Carson comes in with a strong assessed valuation bolstered by industry and commercial giants as well as a growing residential development.

The Press-Herald, which favored the current incorporation attempt, is pleased for the residents of the new city. We know they have made a wise decision.

We congratulate the new city and its newly elected officials, and wish them success in their venture at self government. While there will be problems confronting the new city and its administration, we are assured that the voters have chosen wisely for their City Council and other offices.

It is always better to look to your own neighbors for solutions to community problems than to depend on the largess of a political body removed from the area. We congratulate the City of Carson and wish it well.

State Junkets Trimmed

(From a News item)

SACRAMENTO—(CNS)—The sharp restrictions on out-of-state travel by state employes, imposed by the administration of Governor Ronald Reagan early last year, resulted in a \$704,480 decrease in that expense.

Reagan's press secretary, Paul Beck, said the total cost for out-of-state travel in 1967 was \$409,672, as compared to \$1,114,152 in 1966. This was a reduction of 63.2 per cent.

Beck said the reduced travel was not conspicuous in any particular department but was general throughout all of the state government.

And Torrance councilmen say it can't be done.

Our Skinny Dollars

Anyone who may regret that he won't, in all likelihood, live to see the wonders of the year 2000 may take heart. He won't live to pay the cost of inflation, either.

Economists predict that even if the dollar's present rate of loss of buying power doesn't escalate, by 2000 a hospital room that costs \$75 a day now will be in the \$600 to \$700 a day range. Haircuts will have reached \$10, which is a good way to raise one's hair. A man's suit that would cost \$80 today will be \$270, a new car of the 1968 \$4,000 class will be \$9,900. Food that costs a family \$40 a week now will be \$112.

There is a compensating prediction, of course. The seers say the median family income, which is now about \$7,800 a year, will be \$36,000 in the year 2000. But then they come right back and say the total "tax take" will rise right along with the boost in earnings.

Poor old dollar and poor old us. What used to be a 100 cent dollar in 1933 now is worth 38.7. Even if you take 1946 as the 100-cent value base, today's buck is worth only 58.5 cents. By the year 2000 they'll be paraphrasing Thomas Marshall's 1920 plaint about cigars to read:

"What this country needs is a good five-cent dollar."

Opinions of Others

As I read and observe in regard to the progress and events of our time, I am amazed—in the face of all our loud disclaimers—at how gracefully we are accepting what surely will eventually be Socialism in complete detail. . . . The national decoy naturally is Federal Money and to get a share of it, most areas and communities will accept practically any kind of project dictation . . . even that which they know will work against them and take all supervision out of their hands. . . . Yet, only once, do I recall having seen where a county in this state has refused a Government-aided project on the grounds they simply could not afford to deal with the Government.—Harrisville (W. Va.) *Ritchie Gazette*.

Disrespect for the Flag . . . has angered many . . . veterans and all other patriots. Our flag represents the greatest country on earth. It represents our freedom, won and preserved with the blood of many good men. And many good men are still sacrificing their lives—proudly so—in the name of the United States and freedom.—Alamosa (Colo.) *Valley Courier*.

Morning Report:

It's hard to imagine how anybody could make gambling unpopular but the State of New York has succeeded. Moralists have been preaching for years that it is immoral to gamble and nobody gave them any heed. But the New York lottery is falling flat on its face. People just won't buy the tickets.

Governor Rockefeller is trying to find new outlets for his gambling. Banks—no doubt feeling it is unfair competition with themselves to be selling lottery tickets—are pulling out of the business.

I think the trouble is that New York has made gambling too respectable and therefore unenjoyable. We all know that anything transacted in a bank cannot be fun. The Governor should hire a lot of disreputable characters to sell his lottery tickets on street corners, in alleys and in dark saloons. Money would pour in as any successful bookie well knows.

Abe Mellinkoff

Moment Of Truth



HERB CAEN SAYS:

The Psychiatrist Should Have His Head Examined

Predictably, visitors to S.F. get a high-voltage charge out of our cable cars, flower stands, topless ladies and what's left of the Haight-Ashbury, but the one item that absolutely knocks them out is our hippie postmen. This is an only-in-S.F. phenomenon the so-called straights just can't believe—which is why I report with some trepidation that our days may be numbered. (Hippie postmen, not straights.) An Asst. Postmaster General came here from Washington a couple of weeks ago, and was horrified by what he saw, to the point where he ordered our Postmaster, Lim Poon Lee, to do something. Now L. Poon Lee is a broadminded fellow, but the regulations DO say something to the effect that mailmen must be "neat and clean." Says L. Poon: "That phrase is certainly open to a variety of interpretations, but I have ordered our hippie postmen—we have 25 or 30—to please trim their beards and hair. And I am insisting that they wear shoes, especially during this foul weather. Nothing must stay them from their appointed rounds neither snow, sleet nor the sniffls." Save our hippie postmen, especially from themselves.

In one ear: Some of the biggest checkbook Democrats in California—tycoons who are good for \$50,000 to \$100,000 in campaign contributions—still have their pens poised in mid-air and may not sweeten the pot for LBJ at all. Reason: His Vietnam policy. Result: The White House is worried. Reaction: Aw, shucks. . . . Also afloat is a rumor that S.F.'s Bill Roth, LBJ's one successful ambassador (he's our foreign trade wheel in Geneva) will shortly resign. Another wise man who is leaving the sinking rats? . . . Anti-war demonstrators who are miffed at Jumpin' Mayor

Yankee know-how: We cannot let this week pass without saluting William Tyson, a Modesto service station operator. Just recently, bound hand and foot by a bandit, he summoned help by dialing the phone with his nose. . . . Fascinating filler (via AP from Meadville, Pa.) "Talon, Inc., has withdrawn from discussions looking toward the purchase of Standard-Coosattacher Co. of Chattanooga." Comments Wm. Selwyn: "Since Talon makes zippers I can't see how this merger failed!" . . . Add semi-stirring Berkeley sight: A KKK Trucking Lines truck with a "Wallace for President" sticker. And I'm still surprised that the petitions to put Wallace's party on the California ballot received over 40,000 signatures in L. A.—as against 811 in San Francisco. I didn't think he'd get that many here either.

Dustin Hoffman, star of "The Graduate" (the most popular movie in San Francisco at the moment), is jobless in N.Y. and living on unemployment insurance. He was paid only \$20,000 for his role, and went through that in a hurry—both the money and the role. . . . Minority of one: "I think 'The Graduate' is overrated. Good, but not THAT good. Besides, some of its geographical impossibilities bother me, such as that shot of Hoffman driving over the

Bay Bridge toward San Francisco and winding up in Berkeley. Not to mention the shots of the Berkeley campus that obviously are some other (UCLA?). And since when does Berkeley have a Zoo (aside from the Berkeley campus that is?). End of nit-picking. . . . Now to another campus (Northwestern) where Dr. Jules Masserman, Prof. of Psychiatry, told an audience the other day: "The majority of hippies will grow up into good, staunch Republicans and rejoin our imperfect society." To twist the immortal words of Sam Goldwyn, there's a psychiatrist who should have his head examined.

Sybil Burton Christopher, who hoped to open an S. F. branch of her N.Y. discotheque, Arthur, in the Huntington Hotel, has changed her mind. Construction costs too

high, so she's shopping for another location. Meanwhile, the bunch that owns The Factory, L.A.'s hottest discotheque, wants an S. F. location, too. The truth, I think, is this: S. F. may be Action City West, but it is NOT a discotheque town. For one thing, there aren't that many people who own Mao jackets. . . . That leads to turtle-necks for men, which must be catching on. Yesterday I received a dinner invitation that read "Black tie or white neck." I still say a guy who wears a white turtle-neck with his dinner jacket looks like an off-duty dentist.

Joe Alioto for calling them "neo-Fascists" are retaliating (mildly) by referring to him as a "neo-Mayor."

Report From Our Man In San Francisco

Alan Grey Says . . .

Johnson is still trying . . . To obtain by legislation . . . The enactment of a surtax . . . To stabilize the nation . . . Our economic problems . . . He says he has the facts . . . Can show a vast improvement . . . By addition of this tax . . . I have the strangest feeling . . . And one of consternation . . . How giving them more money . . . Will circumvent inflation.

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Reagan's New Budget Not All Bad: Could Be Worse

By HENRY C. MACARTHUR
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO—Submission of California's annual budget to the state legislature is never the cause for sounding any great fanfare of joy among the taxpayers of California, and the event of the 1968-69 package of bad news given the state's solon's this year is no exception.

However, as the old saying goes, every cloud has its silver lining, which in this particular case is that the program of spending for the next fiscal year is not as bad as it might have been.

Governor Ronald Reagan seeks a spending program totaling about 5.7 billion, or to be exact, \$5,699,536,034. Nowadays, odd millions as they pertain to government budgets, are something like odd cents in computing the net worth of ordinary citizens, so quoting the round figure of \$5.7 billion is close enough.

In his budget message, Reagan gave taxpayers some hope of maintaining a level of payment for at least the time he is in office. He said flatly:

"I do not seek, nor will I support, any increased taxes for Californians in the coming year.

"Neither will I support

the adoption of any programs that are beyond the capacity of the state's revenue system to fund in the foreseeable future, and which would in effect dictate an increase in taxes in the following year."

This statement is understandable in view of last year's billion dollar tax increase, made necessary primarily by increases in costs

of welfare programs, added expenditures for the Medical program, and additional funds for education. The public has not as yet received the full shock of the after-effects of this monumental increase, and will not until final calculations are made for payment of the income taxes on April 15.

However, legislators are starting to report that public grousing is growing as April 15 inevitably approaches.

It can be concluded that the size of the \$5.7 billion budget, with its 7.1 per cent increase over the current fiscal year, is not nearly as impressive to the average citizen, as will be the size of his state income tax this year, which in many cases

will be more than 100 per cent.

The governor says he is convinced the state's fiscal problems can be solved without imposing additional taxes. Thus, if the administration has its way, the solving will be done through proper economies and through the co-operation of the legislature to keep the rate of increase in expenditures in line with the rate of revenue increase, both of which are estimated at about seven per cent annually.

Government, Reagan points out, has an obligation to "look beyond the down-payment stage, when it adopts a continuing program." When such an obligation is recognized and an administration determines it shall be effectuated through sound government policies, the taxpayer has some hope that the percentage of his earned income he can retain for the personal use of himself and his family, will not have an annual variance which is always on the upward cycle.

It cannot be assumed that all of the fiscal problems of the state have been solved, or will be shortly, but on the other hand, the administration at least has made a start in that direction.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Student Claims College Prep Courses Are Wrong

Editor, Press-Herald,

In my education course at college the students came to a stark realization: college-bound high school students are not receiving a practical education.

When I entered high school six years ago, I never thought that I would graduate ill-prepared for life in the practical world.

The other students in my college class said they, too, had been forced to bypass the practical courses.

We all questioned our teachers at the time why we were forced to take algebra, geometry, chemistry, physics, and foreign languages. The teachers pacified us by predicting that these subjects would prove useful when we became adults.

Some of my fellow students are teachers in the public high schools. And yet, they too saw no point in the present two level curriculum.

As a college-bound student I was compelled to take two years of a foreign language, chemistry, philosophy and anatomy, biology, algebra, geometry; besides four years of English, physical education, history, driver's education, California history, and health.

Meanwhile, the students not planning to attend college took shorthand, accounting, typing, bookkeeping, communications, art, industrial arts, automotive, sociology, home economics, and psychology.

When I graduate college one of these "no college" students may turn out to be my boss. Why? Because I will be the intellectual, and he will be the knowledgeable.

Why shouldn't a student have a choice between algebra and consumer math? Why shouldn't shorthand have equal status with foreign languages? Why shouldn't all students be allowed to substitute a home economics course for a science course?

The only way we were able to answer these questions was—Why not?

I would be very interested in reading what teachers and administrators have to say about the present curriculum.

Is there something to be done about the problem that our education professors are unaware of?
SHARON MONDSCHEN

This 'Liberal' Rejects Label

Editor, Press-Herald

Why must there always be a misunderstanding about the word liberal? The dictionary describes the word as meaning favorable to progress or reform, as in religious or political affairs, as well as being in accord with the policy of leaving the individual as unrestricted as possible in the opportunities for self-expression or self-fulfillment. Hardly the ogre your editorial described.

As a liberal who is first an individual rather than a label, I take exception to your remarks. It could be that some liberals would qualify for your claims, but they would be synthetic liberals just like the plastic hippies. It is the lumping together into groups that seems so vague today that I object to. I am sure you

are aware that Thomas Jefferson was a liberal and as quoted from the Encyclopaedia Britannica would today be classified in his religion as being a Unitarian. Yet we all admire him. I propose a compromise. I won't call you a "Conservative" if you won't call me a "Liberal." I believe that all intelligent people want progress in the business world as well as in all other fields. Social concern may be placed in just as important a place in light of the highly technical positions needed in today's world. It is just as important to help achieve purpose in life for those who have lacked motivation because of a poor home life as it is for those of us who have had a better life to go even higher.

Working together as individuals rather than being classified in different camps, so much more could be accomplished. It's certainly worth a try.

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